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Mr. S. W. Garman spoke of a case of bird reasoning (?), and remarked on certain features of interest in the formation of cabinets.

NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, Jan. 9.—Dr. L. Johnson described the parallel drift hills of Western New York, and Professor J. S. Newberry remarked on hypothetical high tides as agents of geological change.

Jan. 30.—The following papers were read: The discovery of emeralds in North Carolina, illustrated with remarkable specimens, by Mr. Wm. Earl Hidden. Mr. George F. Kunz exhibited a series of ancient obsidian knives found near the city of Guatemala, C. A.

Feb. 6.—Professor J. S. Newberry remarked on the origin and relations of the carbon minerals.

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## SELECTED ARTICLES IN SCIENTIFIC SERIALS.

AMERICAN JOURNAL OF SCIENCE, February.—The flood of the Connecticut river valley from the melting of the Quaternary glacier, by J. D. Dana. Geology of the diamond, by O. A. Derby. A *Cercaria* with caudal setæ, by J. W. Fewkes. Notice of a remarkable marine fauna occupying the outer banks off the southern coast of New England, by A. E. Verrill.

QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF MICROSCOPICAL SCIENCE, January.—On the morphology of *Hemileia vastatrix* (the fungus of the coffee disease of Ceylon), by H. M. Ward. On the nature of the organ in adult Teleosteans and Ganoids, which is usually regarded as the head-kidney or pronephros, by F. M. Balfour. Observations on the resting stage of *Chlamydomyxa labyrinthuloides*, by P. Geddes. Review of recent researches in karyokinesis and cell division, by J. T. Cunningham. The micro-organisms which occur in septicæmia, by G. F. Dowdesnell. Pringsheim's researches on chlorophyll, translated and condensed by B. Balfour.

ZEITSCHRIFT FÜR WISSENSCHAFTLICHE ZOOLOGIE, December 30.—On the structure of the bird-inhabiting Sarcoptidæ, by G. Haller. On *Scoloplos armiger*, by W. Man. Comparative-embryological studies, by E. Metschnikoff. *Dimorpha nutans*, a connective form between the Flagellata and Heliosia, by A. Gruber. Contributions to a knowledge of Amœbæ, by A. Gruber. Contributions to a knowledge of Radiolarian shells, by O. Bütschli.

ZOOLOGICAL MAGAZINE, January.—Traces of a great post-glacial flood, by H. H. Haworth.

ANNALS AND MAGAZINE OF NATURAL HISTORY, December.—On certain points in the morphology of the Blastoidea, by P. H. Carpenter.